

Delaware Sportfishing Tournament and the Live Release Awards

Minimum Weights and Lengths

FRESHWATER				
SPECIES	ADULT		YOUTH (AGE 15 AND UNDER)	
	WEIGHT* (POUNDS)	MEASUREMENT* (INCHES)	WEIGHT* (POUNDS)	MEASUREMENT* (INCHES)
Bass (Hybrid), Striped ²	5	22	3.5	19
Bass, Largemouth	5	20	3.5	17
Bass, Smallmouth	2 ¹	17	2 ¹	17
Bass, Striped	34	44	20	37
Bluegill	1	10	0.75 (12 ozs.)	8
Carp	15	29	11	27
Catfish	6	25	4.5	23
Crappie	1	12	0.75 (12 ozs.)	10
Muskie	10	30	7.5	26
Perch, White	1	12	0.75 (12 ozs.)	10
Perch, Yellow	1	12	0.75 (12 ozs.)	10
Pickerel, Chain	4	24	3	20
Shad, American	5	23	3.5	18
Snakehead	Any	None	Any	None
Sunfish, Redear	1	10	0.75 (12 ozs.)	8
Trout	2	16	1.5	15
SALTWATER				
Albacore, False	12	26	9	24
Albacore, True	30	32	22.5	29
Bass, Striped	34	44	20	37
Bass, Black Sea	3	17	2	15
Bluefish	12	29	10	27
Cobia	45	48	33.5	42
Croaker, Atlantic	3	19	2	16
Dolphinfish	15	41	11	38
Drum, Black	50	45	37.5	39
Drum, Red	None	45	None	35
Flounder	7	25	5	23
Kingfish	1	13	0.75 (12 ozs.)	11
Mackerel, Atlantic	2	17	1.5	15
Mackerel, King	10	26	7.5	22
Mackerel, Spanish	5	22	3.5	20
Marlin, Blue	Any	Any ³	Any	Any ³

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SALTWATER (continued)				
Marlin, White	Any	Any ³	Any	Any ³
Scup (porgy)	2	14	1.5	12
Shark (excl. Mako)	100 ⁴	66 ^{3,4}	75	56 ³
Shark, Mako	250	83 ³	250	83 ³
Sheepshead	8	22	6	20
Swordfish	Any	Any ³	Any	Any ³
Tautog	7	25	5.5	20
Tilefish, Blueline	10	28	7.5	25
Tilefish, Golden	35	40	26.5	35
Triggerfish, Gray	5	20	3.5	18
Tuna, Bluefin	100	60 ³	75	48 ³
Tuna, Yellowfin or Bigeye	70	48 ³	52.5	45 ³
Wahoo	20	50	15	41
Weakfish (Sea trout)	3	20	2	18

* Lengths apply only to live release citations; weights apply only to fish officially weighed at a weigh station.

1 – Must be 17 inches or longer

2 – Must be taken from non-tidal waters

3 – According to the Code of Federal Regulations (50 C.F.R. §635.21), these species, if not retained, must be released in a manner that will ensure maximum probability of survival, without removing the fish from the water.

4 – Prohibited shark species (see p.13 of fishing guide) are not eligible for entry.